

WHEREAS, certain areas of the City of Boston are subject to periodic flooding from rivers, streams, and the Atlantic Ocean, causing serious damage to properties within these areas; and

WHEREAS, relief is available in the form of Federally subsidized flood insurance as authorized by the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this Authority to require the recognition and evaluation of flood hazards in all official actions relating to land use in the flood plain areas having special flood plain hazards; and

WHEREAS, under Sec. 12 of Ch. 652 of the Acts of 1960, the Boston Redevelopment Authority has the powers and is responsible for the duties that are conferred or imposed on Planning Boards of cities in Massachusetts by General Laws applicable to Boston;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Boston Redevelopment Authority hereby vests the Director of said Authority with the responsibility and authority to:

(a) Delineate or assist the Administrator of the Flood Insurance Program, at his request, in delineating the limits of the areas having special flood hazards on available local maps of sufficient scale to identify the location of building sites for further action by the Zoning Commission of the City of Boston.

(b) Provide such information as the Administrator may request concerning present uses and occupancy of the flood plain area.

(c) Cooperate with Federal, State, and local agencies and private firms which undertake to study, survey, map, and identify flood plain areas, and cooperate with neighboring communities with respect to management of adjoining flood plain areas in order to prevent aggravation of existing hazards.

(d) Submit on the anniversary date of the community's initial eligibility an annual report to the Administrator on the progress made during the past year within the community in the development and implementation of flood plain management measures.

(e) Review all proposed development in a flood hazard area as designated on the FIA Flood Hazard Boundary Maps Numbered 250286, H 01 through H 38, available for inspection in the Building Department, to assure that such developments are designed to minimize flood damage and provide adequate drainage.

(f) Take such action as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the objectives of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended.

MEMORANDUM

June 12, 1975

TO: BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

FROM: Robert T. Kenney, Director

SUBJECT: Resolution Concerning the National Flood Insurance Program

The adoption of the attached resolution is essential to the completion of Boston's application for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. This program provides federally subsidized flood insurance to owners of properties that are subject to flood hazards - protection not otherwise available from commercial insurance companies.

The Authority, in its capacity of planning agency, must make certain assurances to the Flood Insurance Agency of HUD that it will cooperate with the Administrator of the Flood Insurance Program and other federal, state, and local agencies in the manner described; that it will submit annual progress reports; and that, pursuant to flood hazard zoning regulations to be adopted by the Zoning Commission, it will apply certain criteria in advising the Board of Appeal in regard to appeals in flood hazard districts.

The Mayor's office hopes to submit the application at the earliest possible date, in order to establish Boston's eligibility for the program by July 1. After that date no federal funding or federally subsidized or insured mortgages will be available for properties in the areas designated as Special Flood Hazard Areas by the Flood Insurance Agency unless the application has been accepted.

A suitable resolution is attached.

